

## ALBA-TCP REPUDIATES PASSING OF THE "BOLIVAR" BILL IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Member States of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) categorically repudiate the passing of a bill in the United States House of Representatives on November 18, 2024, which seeks to intensify the criminal and illegal economic blockade against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and which has had the abuse of calling it the Bolivar Act.

This project of infamous purposes, exemplary of grotesque interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign State, seeks to harm, once again, the well-being of millions of Venezuelan men and women, particularly the most vulnerable population, by intensifying the impact of unilateral coercive measures.

It seeks to hinder the economic recovery of the country and to impede Venezuela's economic relations and cooperation, in addition to over 930 unilateral and extraterritorial coercive measures already imposed against the Venezuelan people. Additionally, this legislative project represents a clearly premeditated and rude affront that intends to stain the name of the Liberator Simón Bolívar, a fundamental and historical leader of the independence of Latin America, who devoted his entire life to the freedom and happiness of the peoples of the South and who was profoundly anti-imperialist.

The Bolivarian Alliance demands respect for the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of International Law, as well as for the will of free, independent and sovereign peoples, proud of the emancipating deeds of their independence leaders and warned, more than 200 years ago by Simón Bolívar himself, that the United States would try to "plague America with misery in the name of freedom".

ALBA-TCP calls on the sister nations of Latin America and the Caribbean and the international community as a whole to condemn this illegal action and violation of national sovereignty, which will be a new failure of the imperial attempts to subdue the brotherly Bolivarian people and its legitimate government.

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